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SUBJECT: FOOD LABELING LAWS

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY LIBYAN LAW OR REGULATION GOVERNING THE LABELING OF PROCESSED FOODS. PROCESSED FOODS ARE ON THE MARKET FROM MANY COUNTRIES OF WEST AND EAST AND APPEAR TO BEAR IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES WHATEVER LABEL THE PRODUCER CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

2. AS OF TWO YEARS AGO THE LIBYAN COUNCIL ON NUTRITION AND SEA WEALTH, WHICH HAS BEEN RETITLED THE SECRETARIAT OF NUTRITION AND MARINE RESOURCES, WAS INTERESTED IN DRAFTING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LABELING OF IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THE PRINTING IN ARABIC OF DATA ON MANUFACTURE DATE, CONSUMPTION VALIDITY PERIOD, STORAGE, CONTENTS, INGREDIENTS, ETCETERA. THERE WAS ALSO SOME THOUGHT THAT PROCESSERS SHOULD SECURE THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF SPECIFICATIONS AND MEASURES OF PRODUCTS IMPORTED INTO LIBYA. OUR FILES INDICATE THAT IN MID-1976 EMBASSY

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RECEIVED FROM USDA SEVERAL SECTIONS OF FDA REGULATIONS ON FOODSTUFFS LABELING AND STANDARDS FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE COUNCIL, IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER REQUEST BY COUNCIL. THERE IS NO RECORD OF ANY FURTHER EMBASSY DEALINGS WITH THE COUNCIL ON THE SUBJECT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. WHILE REGULATION OF

FOOD LABELING MAY BE PREMATURE FOR LIBYA IN ITS PRESENT STATE OF DEVELOPMENT AND WITH ITS PRESENT CAPACITY FOR ENFORCEMENT, THEY MAY WELL COME ABOUT IN THE INTERMEDIATE FUTURE. GIVEN LIBYA'S REPUTATION FOR ARBITRARINESS AND RIGIDITY IN MATTERS OF THIS SORT, AND THE NEAR CERTAINTY THAT ANY REGULATIONS WOULD REQUIRE THAT LABELS BE PRINTED EXCLUSIVELY IN ARABIC, LABELING REGULATIONS WOULD LIKELY BE DETRIMENTAL TO INTERESTS OF U.S. EXPORTERS. WE ARE THEREFORE RELUCTANT TO STIR UP THIS ISSUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND HOPE IT CAN DOZE PEACEFULLY FOR A WHILE YET. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED, WE DO NOT PLAN TO TRY TO CONTACT GOVERNMENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ITS INTENTIONS. THE CHANCES OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S AUTHORIZING THE EMBASSY TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH THE SECRETARIAT OF NUTRITION AND MARINE RESOURCES IN PRESENT CLIMATE OF RELATIONS ARE IN EVENT SMALL. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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